

Stylish Travels

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FOR YOUR NEXT JOURNEY, *AFM* HAS ROUNDED UP SOME OF THE NEWEST, HOTTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS TOYS TO TRAVEL BY LAND, BY SEA AND BY AIR.



Challenger 605



Bentley Brooklands



Altura 840



Audi R8

FOUR-WHEELED WONDERS

Vroom, vroom, vroom. The need for speed. (And style.) We feel it too, and these roadsters rouse our interest.

BUGATTI VEYRON FBG PAR HERMÈS

We can't begin to talk speedsters without mention of the Bugatti Veyron. Topping out at 253 mph, the car takes its name from French race car driver Pierre Veyron and is known as the fastest luxury sports vehicle in the world (think 370 feet per second). This year, the company teamed up with the famous French fashion house Hermès to develop the **Bugatti Veyron Fbg par Hermès**. The car features Hermès leather trim in the interior and comes with an Hermès suitcase in the trunk. Price available upon request. (Bugatti Veyrons start at \$2 million.) www.bugatti.com.

AUDI R8

The 420-horsepower **Audi R8** delivers both indulgence and attitude. Only a few hundred of the cars are produced each year, and it is already a favorite among celebrities like Tom Brady, Jon Favreau and Seal. Starting at \$109,000. www.audi.com.

LAMBORGHINI MURCIÉLAGO LP 640 ROADSTER VERSACE

Since 2006, the geniuses over at Lamborghini and Versace have been collaborating to deliver the finest combination of luxury and styling in one package, which debuts this year in the form of the **Lamborghini Murciélago LP 640 Roadster Versace**. The new limited-edition roadster boasts Maison Versace designs. For example, the cradle seats are crafted in black-and-white leather with the hand-embroidered Versace Greek motif, which is also present on the lower door panel. And the V12 engine is now covered by a transparent engine hood. Price available upon request. www.lamborghini.com.

ROLLS-ROYCE RR4

It hasn't hit the road yet, but we're pretty sure this one will be more than worth the wait. In 2010, Rolls-Royce will roll out its next new model, the RR4. The vehicle will be a bit smaller than its popular Phantom model but will incorporate all the luxury trimmings and performance that Rolls-Royce is known for. Look for more details in 2009. www.rolls-royce.com.



Bentley Brooklands

BENTLEY BROOKLANDS

With only 550 vehicles ever produced, it's no doubt that the **Bentley Brooklands** is destined to become quite the cherished classic. The four-passenger coupe fit for royalty exudes classic British style. With its interior completely handcrafted using fine leather hides (including its roof lining), this vehicle makes Bentley the only car manufacturer in the world to completely outfit a car's interior in leather hides. Starting at \$341,000. www.bentleymotors.com.

HAVE WINGS, WILL TRAVEL

Who wants to deal with airport security lines and travel-size toiletries? For those looking to purchase or charter their own set of wings, here's what's new and soon to fly into a horizon near you.

FUTURE: CESSNA CITATION COLUMBUS

Announced earlier this year is the **Cessna Citation Columbus**, Cessna's largest business jet. Capable of transcontinental travel, it can accommodate up to 10 passengers and has an expected delivery date of 2014 and a \$27-million entry price point. www.cessna.com.

NEW: CESSNA XLS+

A new delivery by Cessna this year is the **Cessna XLS+**. An upgraded version of the XLS, the business jet features larger seats and among other improvements, the most advanced diagnostic system on any Cessna to date.

FUTURE: DASSAULT FALCON 900LX

Arriving in mid-2010 is the **Dassault Falcon 900LX**. The business jet is a new and improved version of the popular Falcon 900EX EASy and has an extended range of 4,800 nautical miles. The 900LX will be more environmentally efficient than its predecessor and its winglets, a new feature on the aircraft, reduce drag and improve climb performance. The jet can fly from New York to Moscow, Paris to Beijing and Mumbai to London without needing to refuel. All for \$39,450,000. www.dassaultfalcon.com.

NEW: CHALLENGER 605, BOMBARDIER FLEXJET

The 12-passenger **Bombardier Challenger 605**, which debuted earlier this year, features an entertainment system with XM satellite radio, DirecTV, Airborne Office and audio/video at the touch of a button. Plus, each piece in the aircraft is custom built, incorporating hand-crafted

woods and fine leathers. Fractional ownership starts at \$1,715,000 for a one-sixteenth share and goes up to \$27,440,000 for the entire plane.

www.flexjet.com/Our-Aircraft/CL605/.

NEW: HAWKER BEECHCRAFT 4000

Delivered this past June, the new **Hawker Beechcraft 4000** strikes the perfect balance of speed and luxury for a super-mid-size jet. The interiors offer a six-foot-high stand-up cabin with fully customizable furnishings. (Think fine fabrics, leathers and woods.) The airplane features custom cabinetry throughout the galley and cabin, and the baggage area is accessible during flight. The 12-passenger aircraft can make transcontinental trips without refueling. Starting at \$20,889,700. www.hawkerbeechcraft.com.

Gift of Flight

This holiday season, Flexjet has gone beyond the typical fractional jet ownership gift card with its Flexjet 25 Expert Guide Edition card. Along with air travel aboard one of Flexjet's Bombardier private jets, recipients will also be able to choose a private one-on-one experience with an expert guide. Possibilities include an insider's look into the art world guided by Barbara Guggenheim or a V.I.P. invitation to the Second Annual Pebble Beach Food & Wine event for foodies. Gift cards start at \$107,900. www.flexjet25.com/expertguide.



Hawker Beechcraft 4000



Cessna Citation Columbus



Kismet



M/Y Casino Royale



Kismet main salon

SMOOTH SAILING

Aaaaah the open sea, where adventures seem as limitless as the waves slapping the shore. From megayachts to semi-custom yachts and a few charters, here are some of the newest picks for your seaside voyage.

FERRETTI YACHTS ALTURA 840

In celebration of its 40th anniversary this year, Ferretti Yachts has unveiled the **Altura 840**. The “villa on the sea” features teak interiors with boiserie-paneled walls. Three cabins, each with a private bathroom, offer ample guest accommodations. The master cabin is replete with a walk-in closet and a working area that caters to those in need of both fun and functionality. Price available upon request. www.ferretti-yachts.com.

BURGER BOAT INGOT

Launched in June, the 153-foot **Ingot** is undeniably a beauty. The megayacht offers 5,025 square feet of interior space decorated in a neo-Classical motif. Four large V.I.P. staterooms include king-size beds and in-suite bathrooms. (The master suite’s bathroom even has heated flooring.) The four-level yacht’s walls are paneled in raised mahogany. A quick elevator ride to the sun deck reveals a teak wet bar, a large-screen TV, a hot tub, a built-in treadmill, a sun lounge and more. Price available upon request. www.burgerboat.com.

CHRISTENSEN YACHTS M/Y CASINO ROYALE

The tri-deck 163-foot **M/Y Casino Royale** by Christensen Yachts was completed this past summer and, as its name hints, has a Bond-esque theme. The walls along the spiral staircase are decorated by Bond Girl silhouettes and illuminated by LED lights. The interior boasts an impressive 6,900 square feet and features custom stonework throughout. The yacht cruises at a maximum speed of 18 knots with a range of 4,500 nautical miles. Price available upon request. www.christensenyachts.com.

LÜRSEN KISMET

Looking to charter a yacht instead of purchasing one? Check out the **Kismet**, a 223-foot motor yacht by Lürssen Yachts. The behemoth features four cabins, plus a master suite that includes a king-size bed, office, library and walk-in closet. Also aboard the ship are a disco, a steam room, a massage room and a formal dining table. Kismet is equipped for travelers to live on board for months at a time without docking at port. Weekly rate, \$1,136,666. Moran Yacht & Ship, www.moranyachts.com. Lürssen Yachts, +49.421.6604.166, www.lurssen.com.

Got Yacht?

Not ready for full ownership? Check out these companies for your yacht chartering needs. Crew included.

Charter World

At Charter World, you can choose from luxury yachts, and chartered motor and sailboats. If you prefer your own agenda, try a bareboat charter where you can appoint the captain and crew yourself. www.charterworld.com.

International Yacht Charter Group

This company offers more than 1,200 luxury charter yachts fully crewed to destinations like Greece, the Mediterranean and Alaska. www.internationalyachtchartergroup.com.

SailAway Yacht Charter Consultants

Whether your destination is the Caribbean, the Bahamas or somewhere in the Mediterranean, SailAway Yacht Charter Consultants has a huge selection of crewed yachts and megayachts for you. www.1800sailaway.com. □